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(SBU) Embassy Tokyo Political Officer spoke with Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ocean Division Principal Deputy Director Yukiko Okano on August 18 and scheduled a meeting for August 23 to deliver reftel demarche. Okano said that she had already received word from the Japanese Embassy in Washington DC that this demarche would be forthcoming. Japan is still considering its position internally and has yet to formulate a final answer. She expected further discussions on ReCAAP in the next few days and hoped to have a more concrete answer for us by August 23.

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